

# FAIR OAKS RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## *Fair Oaks Ranch Mustangs*

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Dear Families,

We are excited to embark on the 2017-18 school year! You will see a camp theme throughout our school, "Where learning is an adventure!" The following is just a brief summary for Howdy Night and the first day of school:

### Howdy Night – Thursday, August 24, 2017

- Howdy Night is for students to meet classmates and the teacher in a quick come and go format from 5:30-6:30.
- Class lists will be posted by the evening of August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. on the cafeteria windows.
- PTO will have a booth open from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the gym. At this booth, you may purchase our amazing selection of Mustang Spirit Wear, which students proudly wear on Fridays. We are very fortunate to have such amazing support from our PTO and encourage all families to join. Unlike a PTA, all funds remain on our campus and impact our students and staff 100 %. Your support helps make the great activities at FORES possible.
- Students will have the chance to meet their teacher at 5:30 p.m. If you are here at 5:00 for PTO, you will only have access to the gym. Classrooms will lock up promptly at 6:30 p.m. There will not be time to conference with the teacher during this time. All conferences will be scheduled at a later date since this is the opportunity to meet the class, teacher, and leave their supplies.
- Teachers will leave important information packets out to be completed before the first day of school.
- Transportation will be on our campus in the library to answer your questions at Howdy Night. Our BISD site also has Transfinder to help with your questions about routes. This link will connect you to our bus routes: <http://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=BI05063838479>.
- If you plan to volunteer or work with students, you may pick up a background check while you are on campus. Please remember, BISD requires a background check every 30 days. In addition, we also have a list of volunteers in the office that the staff updates to help the office know who will be on campus. This helps us track our cleared volunteers and know who to look for in case of a campus drill or emergency.

### The First Day of School

- We will allow parents and students to enter the building on the first and second day of school at 7:00 a.m. in the gym and cafeteria. We will dismiss parents and students to classrooms at 7:15 a.m. Starting on the third day of school, parents will not be allowed to enter the building to escort students.
- It is alright if you miss Howdy Night. We will have class lists and maps to direct you where to go.
- We know leaving your child for the first time is a challenge. To help, PTO will provide a morning get together called, "Tacos, Tissues & Tears" in the cafeteria for new families and kinder parents to come and meet our PTO and some other new parents.

Administrative staff and counselors will be in the hallways to direct you to the correct locations. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 830-357-4800. I am thankful to work with you all in another great year at FORES.

Sincerely,

Jamie Robinson

Principal